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Conflict transformation workshop offered at Manchester

Education for Conflict Resolution (ECR) offers "An Introduction to Conflict Transformation," a two-day workshop, on Saturday, March 5, and Saturday, March 12. It is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. The training will be in the Academic Center on the Manchester University campus in North Manchester. The cost is \$25 for Manchester University students (will be reimbursed \$15 by the Peace Studies program after payment), \$50 for Manchester University faculty, staff and alumni, and \$100 for non-MU participants. Register at http://www.workitout.org/focus-upcoming-events/.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the "Spaces" concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates. March 7 - "Race and Racism, Historical and Current Experiences." March 14 - "PeaceTech: Engineering to Change the World" by Zia Haque. April 4 - "Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew

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Holcomb ends state of emergency



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Gov. Eric Holcomb said he signs House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001 into law on Thursday.

Governor signs controversial HEA 1001 into law

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Gov. Eric Holcomb ended the state of emergency declaration and signed a controversial piece of related legislation. The state's COVID-19 public health emergency declaration first went into effect March 6, 2020, and was renewed by Holcomb monthly throughout the pandemic. "Since April 2020, the virus spread to every county in our state resulting in over 1,683,000 confirmed cases and over 22,000 Hoosier deaths from COVID-19," stated Holcomb. "To counter the pandemic we implemented a vaccination program and have fully vaccinated over 3.5 million Hoosiers, which is over 56 percent of eligible Hoosiers." Holcomb said there has lately been a "rapid decline" in confirmed daily cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Holcomb said he signed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001 "which provides a

mechanism to continue financial support to Hoosiers and Hoosier families who are experiencing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic and allows Indiana to continue to secure additional federal financial relief." "With the enactment of HEA 1001 and resultant actions taken by the secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration, coupled with the decline in cases and deaths, this disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist," stated Holcomb. As the state of emergency ends, the temporary licensing of certain health care workers will continue until March 31. Also on Thursday, Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, praised Holcomb's decision to end the public health emergency and sign the bill into law. "We have come a long way as a state since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have had many significant challenges along the way. With the passing of HEA 1001, the governor is able to allow the emergency orders to come to an end and we can move forward as

a state," stated Bray. "I am grateful for the resilience of Hoosiers whose efforts kept Indiana's economy moving during this incredibly difficult time. I look forward to the chance to chase new opportunities and tackle other existing challenges for Indiana." In December 2021, Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, joined his fellow co-authors in presenting what was then known as House Bill (HB) 1001, which would, among other goals, seek to end the statewide public health emergency. On Friday, Indiana House Republicans senior press secretary Jake Thompson said Snow was "in meetings most of this afternoon and is not available for an interview or to put a statement together." "HEA 1001 has been through several changes and alterations, as most bills that travel through the legislative process," said Thompson, of the bill's final form. However, that bill has encountered some degree of opposition, not the least of which from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. HB 1001 allows Gov. Eric Holcomb's state public health emergency to expire

by ensuring Indiana could continue receiving the same federal reimbursements for SNAP and Medicaid, and maintain the state's ability to hold voluntary community vaccination clinics. In December 2021, Holcomb announced that he would keep the state of emergency and the remaining, but limited, executive order in place until lawmakers took action in January, said Indiana House Republicans digital media specialist and press secretary Allison Vanatsky. Snow represents House District 18, which includes Wabash County and portions of Kosciusko, Grant and Miami counties. Snow said the legislation would also require businesses to accept medical and religious exemptions if they require the COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment. Indiana Chamber of Commerce director of digital media and legislative communications Matt Ottinger said HB 1001 was the "wrong policy for employers and for Hoosiers as COVID-19 numbers surge." Ottinger said the Indiana Chamber of

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ISDH: County's COVID-19 advisory level down to yellow

Also on Wednesday, the state reported the 150th local virus death

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, during the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) weekly COVID-19 metrics update, Wabash County was lowered from orange, the second-highest level, to yellow, the second-lowest level. This shift represents a marked change from just weeks ago when Wabash County had been rated as being in the red, or highest level, for over a month. Also, on Wednesday, the ISDH reported the 150th local

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Authorities file charges in death of Mac student

Police believe shooting was accidental, probable cause affidavit suggests

By JARED KEEVER
Peru Tribune Editor

The shooting death of a Maconaquah High School student last week is believed to have been an accident, court records suggest. Jeremiah Smith, 18, is facing charges of involuntary manslaughter, criminal recklessness, and pointing a firearm in the death of 18-year-old Hanna Cox.

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Penny French-Deal, left, of North Manchester, meets with a fellow artist before the 2022 Hoosier Women Artists awards ceremony at the Statehouse Thursday, March 3, in Indianapolis. French-Deal's piece, "The Youngest Student," is an oil painting on Belgian linen, and will hang for one year in Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell's office.

Artwork of Penny French-Deal, of North Manchester, honored at the Statehouse

This is the fifth year the local artist has been selected for the Hoosier Women Artists Contest

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Artwork by local artists, including Penny French-Deal, of North Manchester,

will soon be displayed at the Statehouse. French-Deal was among those who were selected to have their artwork decorate the Statehouse as part of

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch's and Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell's annual Hoosier Women Artists initiative, said Indiana House Republicans senior press secretary Jake Thompson. This year, 44 pieces of art

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Pulaski County Public Library to offer ebooks, audiobooks to MSD students

Public Library CONNECT provides access through Sora reading app

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A new initiative between MSD and the Pulaski County Public Library will allow local students increased access to digital materials such as ebooks and audiobooks. Public Library CONNECT enables the students to access both the library's and school's ebooks and audiobooks through the school's Sora reading app. The partnership provides access to thousands of age-appropriate titles for students' use both inside and outside the classroom. Through Sora, MSD students can now borrow from both the school's collection of "classroom and pleasure reading" titles as well as from Pulaski County Public Library's juvenile, young adult and adult digital collections. Sora will automatically filter content to only include

age-appropriate titles depending on each student's grade level. "Several years ago, the Pulaski County Public Library Board was presented with the opportunity to collaborate with school corporations through participating in OverDrive's Public Library Connect," said Pulaski County Public Library board president Richard Mynark. "We believe it is an excellent platform to expand the digital collection at public schools by partnering with public libraries for access to their ebooks and audiobooks, and are interested in future partnerships. Our collaboration with MSD is an excellent opportunity to support increased digital content for school children." With Public Library CONNECT, students use their school credentials through Sora - rather than a separate library card - to easily log into the library's digital collection. Sora also supports teachers by offering classroom-specific tools like personal assignments, reading analytics and exportable notes that

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Panel at Manchester will explore the experiences of students of color

By ANNE GREGORY

A panel of alumni and current students will speak about their experiences at Manchester University on Monday, March 7. “Looking at Yesterday, Working Toward Tomorrow: Race at MU,” is at 11 a.m. in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. The presentation is free and open to the public, with masks required. It will also be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Panelists are alumni Farida Adam ’08, Myron Chenault ’71 and Chris François ’20, and students Ani King, Laura Mayorga Mejia and Estefania Mesta. The panel is part of Manchester’s Values, Ideas and the Arts series, designed to offer credit to undergraduate students who, through the process, gain cultural

exposure, artistic experiences and intellectual enrichment. The presentation is co-sponsored by Manchester University Archives, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the President’s Diversity and Inclusion Council. They are also holding a community forum at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, where Manchester University alumni, current students and colleagues will share about their lives, telling how people of color have experienced Manchester and the surrounding communities. The forum is in the Jo Young Switzer Center, upper level, and is open to the public. Masks are required. The evening session will not be live-streamed. Both events are the creation and design of Manchester University students Kimberly Khavayi and Elizabeth Kreps.



Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

SHOOTING

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Prosecutors filed charges in the case Monday, following Smith’s arrest on preliminary charges late last week. Cox died Thursday afternoon in front of a home on Capeheart Avenue in the Eagles Pointe neighborhood shortly after police and emergency personnel responded to reports of a woman being shot inside a parked car. The probable cause affidavit in the case shows that someone at the scene identified Smith as the person believed to have fired the shot that killed her. During questioning, the document says, Smith told police that he was in the car, showing Smith a handgun

that he believed was not working. In his description of events detailed in the affidavit, Smith is said to have described “racking” the gun and ejecting one round from the gun, then removing the magazine from the gun. Believing the gun was then unloaded, the affidavit says, Smith described putting the gun to Cox’s shoulder saying “it don’t work” then pulling the trigger and the gun firing. That description of events was “consistent” with Cox’s wound and other evidence in the car, wrote Indiana State Police Det. Mike Lorona who signed the affidavit. A woman, whose name is redacted from the affidavit, also told police that she had been in a FaceTime call with Smith and Cox just minutes before Cox was shot and

described the two sitting inside Cox’s car “laughing and joking around,” according to the affidavit. Cox’s death shook the Mazonaqua Schools community. “This unexpected tragedy brings grief to so many, and as we come together to support one another, we ask our community to give the family space to grieve through this tragic event,” the statement from the school district said on Thursday evening, promising to have counselors on hand for students as they returned to classes on Friday. Smith is scheduled to appear in court Thursday, court records show. Jared Keever, *Peru Tribune* editor, may be reached by email at jkeever@perutribune.com.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Partly Cloudy 71 / 58	Sunday T-storms Likely 66 / 44	Monday Showers Likely 49 / 31	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy 44 / 29	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 50 / 33

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:39 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:08 a.m.

First 3/10	Full 3/18	Last 3/25	New 4/1

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 71°, humidity of 48%. South wind 9 to 21 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 58°. South wind 15 to 19 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with an 85% chance of showers, high of 67°, humidity of 65%.



The painting by Penny French-Deal, right, titled “Paving the Road,” was displayed in the office of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch in 2020.

FRENCH-DEAL

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were chosen out of more than 200 entries. “As a returning artist, Penny always impresses with her beautiful artwork and this year’s piece of her grandson is no exception,” Snow said. French-Deal’s work, “The Youngest Student,” will be displayed in Mitchell’s office. Last year, French-Deal’s work, titled “Paving the Road,” was displayed in Crouch’s office. It was chosen over the other works of art for the front and back cover of last year’s awards program. French-Deal has had her artwork chosen five times, and said she drew inspiration for this year’s piece from someone close to her heart, her grandson. She said linen and oils are very complimentary of one another, which is why she used that medium for this particular piece. Her work depicts a young violinist in the foreground with two older, more experienced violinists behind him. “My observation of the older students that were mentoring him, they were so polite and seemed to give him the attention and helped him through this first recital,” French-Deal said. “They’re faded in the background because they took the background and allowed him the spotlight.” French-Deal and other artists were honored at a Statehouse ceremony Thursday, March 3 as a part of Women’s History Month.



Penny French-Deal, center, of North Manchester speaks with another artist after the 2020 Hoosier Women Artists awards ceremony at the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

The Hoosier Women Artists Contest takes place each March to honor female artists for their skill as well as inspire others to pursue their talents. “It’s always wonderful to meet new artists from around the state, see their expertise and their particular fields,” French-Deal said. “It’s also great to see the familiar faces that have been previously honored.” French-Deal holds a degree in interior design from Indiana University and has studied at the Fort Wayne Art Institute. “Inspiration comes from her travels throughout the United States and Europe as well as her fascination of everyday experiences,” said Visit Wabash County marketing manager Whitney Millsbaugh. “In the fall of 2019, she traveled to Giverny, France to spend a week painting in the gardens of impressionist artist, Claude Monet. Upon her return, she immediately spent the next five months replicating the 100-year-old hand-painted design of the ceiling of the ballroom in the Eagles Theatre. She has exhibited nationally and internationally, and her work can be found in private, corporate, museum, and university collections throughout the United States and Europe. Her chosen home and studio are in North Manchester, Indiana. She manages her gallery, French-Deal Fine Art in Roanoke, Indiana where she works to bring all viewers the beauty of presence and a place to step inside her paintings.” French-Deal is also the illustrator of “Eugenia’s Special Day,” which was written by Susie Jones along with Phyllis Downey, Posy Jason, Suzanne Smith and Ana Maria Gachenheimer. The book is about a girl who spends the day with her grandmother preparing for a surprise at the Honewell House, which was the home of Eugenia Honewell. Rob Burgess, *Wabash Plain Dealer* editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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Obituaries

Donna Kay Siders

June 7, 1952 – March 2, 2022

Donna Kay Siders, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:18 am, Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Parkview Health Randallia in Fort Wayne. She was born on June 7, 1952, in Frankfort, Indiana, to James W. and Marcella (Waggoner) Swan.

Donna was a 1970 graduate of Eastbrook High School and attended Marion College in Marion, Indiana two years. She married Daniel W. Siders Sr. in Marion on June 11, 1972. Donna was co-owner, along with her husband, of C/S Printing in Wabash from 1977 until 2015. Donna was a member of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, and a longtime member of the Wabash Kiwanis Club, where she was the first female president and held several other positions. She enjoyed scrapbooking, needlework, and sewing. Donna also enjoyed traveling on their motorcycle and flower gardening, but her passion was spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel W. Siders, Sr. of Wabash; four children, Daniel W. (Tonya) Siders Jr. of Louisville, Kentucky, Darin A. (Phuong) Siders of Pound Ridge, New York, Deanna R. (Jason) Azbell of Wabash, Darcia K. (Gabe) Bair of Titusville, Florida, eleven grandchildren, Ama-ya (Ryan) Wright of Louisville, Nathaniel Azbell and Tayte Azbell, both of Wabash, Jack Siders of Stamford, Connecticut, Max Siders and Lily Siders, both of Pound Ridge, Paxton Bair, Charlie Bair, and Kayzlynn Bair, all of Titusville, Aus-



tin Nelson of Fairmount, Indiana, and Craig Nelson of Jeffersonville, Indiana, two great-grandchildren, Jerzie Nelson and Jazlynn Powell, both of Lebanon, Indiana, her mother, Marcella Swan of Marion, two brothers, James (Cindy) Swan of St. Petersburg, Florida, and David (Kambi) Swan of Statesville, North Carolina, and her sister, Carolyn (Michael) Swan-Mere of Marion. She was preceded in death by her father, James W. Swan.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Kirk Johnson and Pastor Kevin Stirratt officiating. Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 pm Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Helping Hands or Wabash Church of the Nazarene.

The memorial guest book for Donna may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Abraham ‘Abe’ Shepherd

Abraham “Abe” Shepherd, 82, Silver Lake, passed away on March 3, 2022 at his home.

Abraham is survived by his wife, Lura Dean (Hicks) Shepherd; sons, Donny (Pam) Shepherd, and Roy (Stacey) Shepherd; daughters, Patricia Sanders, Brenda Hilton, Tiffany (Stephen) Taylor, Tonya (Ricky) Cook, and Kimberly (Matthew)

Shepherd; step-son, David (Amanda J.) Bradley; step-daughters, Cheryl (Louis) Reimer, Sheila Bradley, and Samantha (Christopher Siinpiel) Bradley.

Calling is Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

requiring vaccines in their workplaces if they determine it’s the best course of action.

After HB 1001 passed the Indiana House of Representatives in January, the Indiana Democratic Party called it “an extreme and irrational piece of legislation that further discredits the COVID-19 vaccine.”

“Indiana Republicans want

tiful lap quilt” was made by Joan Manning. Raffle tickets will continue to be available to purchase until the day of the program for \$5 for one, or \$10 for three. The Sew Pieceful Guild will host the Quilters Hall of Fame, from Marion, as we honor Lois for her dedicated work with the ‘Quilts of Valor’ for veterans and her love of the Clubhouse. For more information, call Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088 or Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Dr. Alyssa Richter to speak at MSD Awards Banquet

MSD will hold its 33rd Academic Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at the Honeywell Center Legacy Hall. Seniors who maintained a grade point average of A-, or better, for their high school career will be honored. This year’s guest speaker is Dr. Alyssa Richter.

Honeywell House to host a presentation from lighting designer Rick Baxter

“Lighting the Stars on the Great White Way!” brings lighting designer Rick Baxter to the Honeywell House at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. Baxter has turned lighting designs into reality

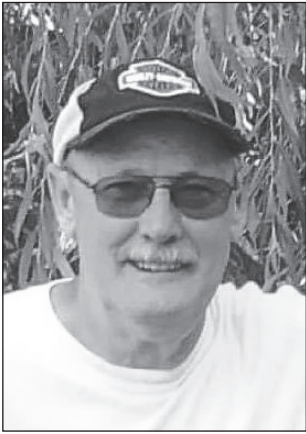
Randall Dean Darnell

June 11, 1954 – March 1, 2022

Randall Dean Darnell, 67, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 1:08 pm, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at his home in Wabash. He was born on June 11, 1954, in Wabash, to Early Campbell Darnell and VerJean “Stella” (Lane) Lucas.

Randy married Pamela “Pam” Preston in Wabash on July 16, 1977. He worked 20 years at Wabash MPI Carver. Randy was a member of the Wabash Christian Heritage Church, and A.B.A.T.E. He was an avid pool player, played in the North Manchester Pool League, and was a Grand Master Pool Player. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle, and loved to attend his grandkids activities.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Darnell of Wabash; five children, Scott Green of North Manchester, Indiana, Tanya (Bill) Cooley, and Brent Darnell, both of Wabash, IN, Audie Gant of Fishers, Indiana, and Lisa (James) Barnes of Wabash, seven grandchildren, Marisa Shrock and Mitchell Shrock, both of Wabash, Allie Green and Sam Green, both of Urbana, Brekken Melton of Hartford City, Indiana, Desirea Shrock of Urbana, Indiana,



and Chrissy Shrock of Battle Creek, Michigan, mother, VerJean “Stella” (Lane) Lucas of Wabash; and two sisters, Renee (Jeff) Biehl of Urbana, and Donna (Johnny) Sisco of Roann, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his father and his step-father, Matt Lucas.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Monday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Randy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Benjamin O’Brien White

Jan. 28, 2001 – Feb. 24, 2022

Benjamin O’Brien White, 21, O’Brien-boro, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022. He was born in Marion, Indiana, on January 28, 2001, to Tim White and Marci Yanis.

Ben graduated from Mississinewa High School in 2019. While he was in middle and elementary school he enjoyed playing basketball and football. More than anything, Ben loved his family and friends. He loved his mama’s cooking and being a loving, protective brother, and devoted son. Ben enjoyed making music. He was very particular about his appearance; he loved his clothes and shoes. He loved and will be missed by his dog, Heisenberg.

Survivors include his parents, Tim White and Marci Yanis; sister, Emily White; brother, Jeremy (Michelle) White; maternal grandparents, Rudy and

Tisha Yanis; paternal grandmother, Peggy Brock; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandfather,

Chris Brock; and maternal great-grandparents, Harry and Lucille Lowe and Paul and Lily Yanis.

The family will receive visitors from 4 pm to 7 pm on Friday, March 4, 2022 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN.

A funeral service to celebrate Ben’s life will be held at 11 am on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the funeral home with burial following at Grant Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Memories may be shared online at www.nswcares.com.

Indiana Democratic Party executive director Lauren Ganapini. “From limiting economic security to discrediting the vaccine, HB 1001 shows Hoosiers the Indiana GOP prefer culture wars over creating a better future for Hoosier families.”

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealor.com.

Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, March 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner will be Wednesday, March 9

The 2022 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$25 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Register by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/ag2022, by emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or by calling 260-563-5258.

Visiting Nurse announces rebrand to Stillwater Hospice

STAFF REPORT

Visiting Nurse, a not-for-profit healthcare organization serving northeast Indiana, announced an “evolution of their brand,” renaming the organization Stillwater Hospice, according to a press release.

The new name “better reflects the full breadth of services offered and supports the continued mission of providing compassion, comfort and guidance through life’s journey.”

Stillwater Hospice “signifies peacefulness and a respite from the chaos that often precedes a life-limiting illness.”

“Our name is new, but our mission is unwavering – and we will always lead with love through every facet of our organization,” said CEO Leslie Friedel.

The work was guided by a local brand consulting firm and led by the board of directors and committee of stakeholders within the organization.

In addition to the name change, the rebrand includes a new logo, fea-

turing a water lily, which flourishes in still waters.

“The interlocking petals symbolize the full range of services offered,” stated the release. “The water lily floats above three lines representing the three rivers in northeast Indiana.”

Founded in 1888, Visiting Nurse, now Stillwater Hospice, is a not-for-profit healthcare organization serving 11 counties in northeast Indiana. Their full suite of compassion services includes hospice care, Hospice Home, palliative care and grief support through the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center.

“Our comprehensive suite of compassion services includes hospice care, Hospice Home, palliative care and grief support. The new Stillwater Hospice brand helps us more effectively serve our community in each of these areas,” said Dr. Ann Moore, Chief Medical Officer.

For more information, visit www.stillwater-hospice.org or call 800-288-4111.

Monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon is set for Monday, March 7

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, March 7, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

John E. Woodmansee of Whitley County Purdue Extension will be speaking about “Popular Indiana Native Trees, Identification and Lore.”

“The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon,” stated Rody. “Guests should bring a side dish to

share, a beverage and their table service. The main dish, ham and beans, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Donations will be accepted to help defray costs.”

Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is located at

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Commerce supports the first three sections of HB 1001 regarding the emergency order and maintaining supplemental federal funding. Brinegar said they were concerned that HB 1001 would restrict and discourage employers from

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Cordier” by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In “CommuniKate: Artalive,” Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents “Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond.” April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

Woman’s Clubhouse to honor Lois Van Meter

A quilt raffle in memory of Lois Van Meter will be the center of the luncheon at The Woman’s Clubhouse at noon Tuesday, March 8 at 770 W. Hill St. The “beau-

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COVID-19 death.

In response to the relatively lower number of cases recently, the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) downgraded their mask policy from being required to recommended as of Thursday, Feb. 24, said Jeanna Hann, adult department manager and marketing coordinator. Hann said properly worn face masks are recommended inside the library as Wabash County’s seven-day positivity rate has now fallen below the 15 percent mark.

On Thursday, Hann said per the NMPL’s Service Strategies for County Pandemic and Epidemic Ratings Metrics, they were following their previously approved guidelines for the lower yellow rating.

“Masks are optional but encouraged in the library building,” said Hann. “Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the library. Curbside services are available. We are cleaning all returned materials with Concept 256. We are employing the use of protective shields at circulation desks.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said because Wabash County when the advisory level drops below red, “we make masks optional for both staff and library patrons at all times.”

Wimberly said when the county is at a red level, all library programming is done with take-home kits or virtually. If the level is below red, as is now, they will resume indoor programming with optional masks for

participants and staff.

“Regardless of the level, we do have masks available for library customers at all times,” said Wimberly. “We do offer curbside service upon request for patrons. The library also provides many digital resources such as Hoopla and Overdrive library customers can access online with a library card.”

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the ISDH announced changes to its COVID-19 data dashboard to better reflect the current state of the pandemic and a shift in school reporting requirements.

The unique individual positivity rate and unique individuals tested fields will be removed from the dashboard at www.coronavirus.in.gov.

In addition, a new Indiana youth COVID-19 dashboard, reflecting cases, hospitalizations and vaccinations in Hoosiers ages 0 to 19, will be published.

This dashboard will replace the current school dashboard effective Monday, Feb. 28.

State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, said the changes reflect the evolution of the pandemic, the availability of home test kits and recent updates to school guidance.

Box said schools are no longer required to report cases to the state health department, making the current school dashboard obsolete.

Hoosiers in need of COVID-19 testing can find a site at www.coronavirus.in.gov. Individuals seeking a COVID-19 vaccine can visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to find a location.

For more information, visit www.health.in.gov.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 15:33

Climate catastrophe is already here

A new United Nations report blares dire warnings of the escalating effects of climate change: Our planet is no longer on the brink of catastrophe; the catastrophe is well underway. How we respond now will determine how horrific things get for nature and humanity.

In a sweeping assessment released Monday by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, scientists from across the globe found that climate change is causing "dangerous and widespread disruption" to billions of people and the natural world. These effects are coming faster and harder than expected, outpacing our efforts and ability to adapt.

The burning of fossil fuels and other human activity have already warmed Earth by about 2 degrees Fahrenheit, compared with preindustrial levels. Such activity has worsened wildfires, droughts, air pollution and heat waves; caused animals to go extinct and trees to die en masse; swallowed up coastal habitat; reduced crop yields; in-

creased hunger and shrunk glaciers and other critical water supplies. Any further delay to act "will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a livable and sustainable future for all," a 35-page summary of the panel's findings concludes.

These hard truths should jolt world leaders into immediate action to end the use of fossil fuels and to pour money into protecting communities and ecosystems from the impacts we have already unleashed and those that are yet to come. But, tragically, that seems unlikely. Against a backdrop of global instability and continuing pandemic, this report's horrific implications will soon fade from the headlines, even as Russia's invasion of Ukraine clearly illustrates the risks of dependence on Russian oil and gas. It is, after all, only the latest of many alarming reports from scientists over the decades that have largely gone unheeded.

Yet we cannot succumb to defeatism when the viability

of our planet and our very lives are at stake. As the IPCC report makes clear, if humans don't quickly reduce fossil fuel emissions, the result will be even more global conflict and upheaval, hardship and death. While no one on the planet will be untouched, the suffering from climate change will be deeply unequal, borne overwhelmingly by the low-income countries and people who are least responsible for causing it.

U.N. secretary-general António Guterres called the IPCC report "a damning indictment of failed climate leadership," adding that "this abdication of leadership is criminal. The world's biggest polluters are guilty of arson of our only home."

This is indeed our fault and our responsibility. The United States is the world's biggest polluter historically, having emitted more cumulative planet-warming emissions than any other nation. Even in California, efforts to reduce climate-warming pollution are not on track to meet state

targets, which themselves are insufficient and outdated, having fallen behind those of other states and countries.

We can still avert the worst consequences of the overheating of our planet – mass extinction and catastrophically severe droughts, floods, heat waves and sea-level rise – if we cut emissions in half by 2030. But the U.S. and other top carbon emitters must lead the world in moving from incremental actions to a wholesale transformation of our energy system and aggressive investment in reducing the risks to cities, coastlines and sources of food and water.

Under the 2015 Paris climate agreement, virtually every nation on Earth has pledged to keep global warming "well below" 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit and aim to limit it to 2.7 degrees. Yet we are closing in on the 2.7-degree threshold. Even after a flurry of pledges made by world leaders at last fall's climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, the Earth remains on track to warm by about 4.5 degrees

by the end of the century.

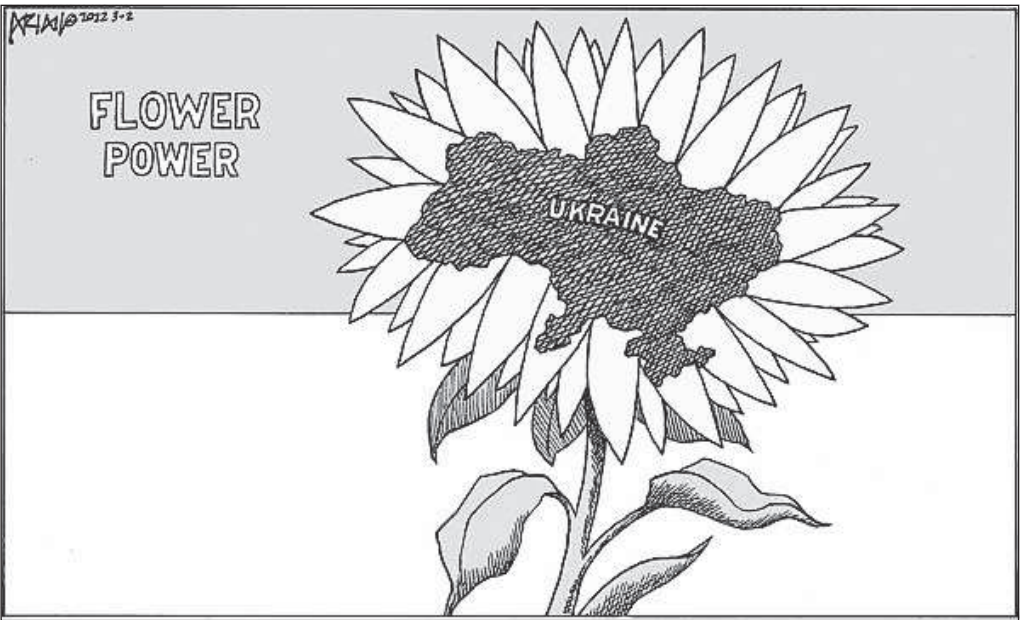
One way or another, we are headed for a massive transformation of society. We can choose to either usher it in through a swift embrace of clean energy or to ignore the warnings and accept a much more painful future in which our options will be limited by inaction and the devastating planetary change we have caused.

A U.N. summit will convene this fall in Egypt to scale up actions to fight climate change. Global leaders have already squandered decades of warnings from climate scientists and must not be allowed to waste another year dithering and passing off insufficient and incremental pledges as progress. We should all be incredibly angry with their complacency in the face of calamity.

Guterres said Monday that "delay means death," and "now is the time to turn rage into action."

Will anybody listen this time?

This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



More thoughts on inflation

It is time to write about inflation again, although I allocated three columns to the subject in 2021. The first, in April, argued that inflation was a distant threat compared to the still sluggish economy recovery. With the passing of months, newer data confirmed that the economy was in worse shape than it then appeared, but also that inflation worsened faster than I expected. The second column, in August, explained some of the deep challenges economists faced in analyzing inflation. That was a column that pushed the need for humility in our understanding of when and how bad inflation could get. The third column, in October, noted the rising price level that was clearly apparent to shoppers.

To be clear, from April to October there were plenty of reasons to anticipate higher prices for goods and services. Federal stimulus payments put money into households and businesses, and the pandemic forced savings to an all-time high. Last spring, household savings were two-trillion dollars higher than the previous year, foretelling a flurry of spending.

Over the summer, families and businesses spent like crazy on everything from vacations to recreational vehicles and new homes. This caused what many called 'supply chain' interruptions. In reality, U.S. factory production hit inflation-adjusted record levels, while imports broke all previous records. Supply chains moved more products than ever before, and they just couldn't meet the demand from all that pent up savings.

When people want to buy more of something than you can supply, the prudent business person raises prices. Similarly, when many businesses wish to hire you, the prudent worker demands a higher salary. That is how we first see the inflation that now appears in monthly inflation data.

To be clear, the monthly inflation data is not as bad as a year-over-year comparison would make it seem. Recall that we experienced deflation in 2020, so the two-year average increase in prices is a bit more muted than the scary headlines. However, that sober and factual analysis doesn't count for much in the grocery checkout line.

By mid-winter 2022, a significant share of that household savings is spent, lessening the urgent demand for goods that we had last summer. That is now showing

Michael Hicks



in the data, with inflation for goods slowing modestly, while inflation for services has risen. That signals that price inflation is also affecting wages because labor costs dominate services.

A short-term shock to prices is not usually something that has long-term adverse effects on the economy. Neither would a one-time price increase that remained permanently. Both of these happen to different products from time to time. The deep worry about inflation is that it will be lasting, so the increase in prices each month will compound on themselves. This week I saw the first sign of that prospect.

Inside Indiana Business reported that Viewrail, a manufacturing firm in Goshen, was offering cost-of-living adjustments to its employees through 2022. They called this an inflation protection plan that would insure their workers were protected from a loss in their purchasing power. While this is good for both the employees and the company, it signals that inflation expectations are creeping into contracts. Or, at the very least that this employer is concerned about losing employees.

To be fair, Viewrail claimed that this was out of concern for employees, and I don't dispute the motives of these employers. I'd simply note that if they are worried about inflation and wages, surely a large number of other employers are as well. If businesses raise prices or wages due to last month's inflation, the problem becomes self-perpetuating, and slowing inflation becomes very difficult. Doubtless the Federal Reserve is now seeing similar warnings across much of the nation.

The next scheduled meeting of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee is in March. With recent data suggesting stronger underlying economic conditions accompanied by higher inflation, it seems certain they will raise rates. Two months ago, the casual conversations among economists was that there might be a 25 basis points (25 percentage point) increase in March. Now most of those I speak with anticipate a 50 basis point increase, and at least one member of the rate setting

committee has been reported to favor a full percent increase.

One interesting aspect of inflation is how it affects Americans differently, and how this influences policy decisions about how we stop it.

In the short run, price inflation tends to affect low-income families more than high-income families. This is because lower-income households consume goods that are more sensitive to inflation. The effect is not large, and the arrival of wage inflation effectively erases income differences in its effect. However, over the long term, inflation is far more damaging to higher-income households, because high-income families hold more savings.

Inflation affects both goods and services, and the price of borrowing money. However, a large share of household savings is held in fixed interest rate accounts. Like George Bailey explained in "It's A Wonderful Life," the money held in his savings and loan wasn't in the bank safe, it was in the mortgages and small business loans around the city. That remains true today. Likewise, most savers have money in long-term fixed rate accounts such as municipal bonds.

Inflation rapidly degrades the value of the payout of fixed-rate mortgages and bonds. If it is bad enough, it can lead to insolvency of banks. Indeed, the 1987 Savings and Loan Crisis wasn't about greed (a commodity in apparently constant supply), but was the hangover of 1970s and 1980s inflation. This makes arresting inflation a chief concern of the Federal Reserve.

Inflation does benefit borrowers of fixed-price assets. So, holders of fixed-rate student loans and mortgages find themselves benefitting from inflation as the real cost of that borrowing declines, while their wages grow. Of course, this makes long-term borrowing by anyone else more expensive, so no one should welcome it.

We are early in an inflationary period, and it seems likely that higher interest rates and other Fed policies will eventually reduce inflation to the 2.0 to 2.5 percent target rate. How much rates must rise, and how fast they will take effect can be estimated from interest rate history, but how likely history will repeat itself remains an open question.

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Now is the time for Hoosier tax relief

Indiana is fiscally strong and continues to grow at a rapid rate. As our revenues exceed forecasts month after month, it has become clear that the time is now to act on a tax plan that gives back to our growing business community and hardworking Hoosiers.

When Senate Bill (SB) 1 hits my desk to sign into law in a couple of days, it will ensure the maximum number of Hoosier taxpayers will receive their portion of the \$545 million automatic taxpayer refund this year.

That's just the latest in a long list of tax cuts. Since 2005, Indiana has demonstrated strong stewardship of taxpayer dollars while constantly finding ways to responsibly return those dollars to the people and businesses that have helped our state grow – proving that cutting taxes can increase revenue. During that period, we have cut taxes at least 10 times and paid down billions of dollars in debt. Most recently, Indiana's corporate income tax rate fell to 4.9 percent last July.

My administration has been carefully monitoring our finances. In each of the last six months, Indiana has exceeded forecasted revenues. And on Friday, March 4, we expected to see this trend again when February revenues were posted.

That's why we can provide immediate assurances to individual taxpayers and businesses that their hard-earned money will be returned to them now in a fiscally prudent and impactful fashion. We can achieve that by:

■ Returning \$545 million to 4.3 million Hoosier taxpayers this year through the Automatic Taxpayer Refund. (SB 1)

■ Cutting Indiana's individual income tax rate to 2.9 percent over time, making Indiana tied as the lowest rate among states with an income tax

■ Reducing the Indiana State Teachers' Pre-96 Retirement Fund by paying off another \$2.6 billion at the end of this fiscal year.

■ Eliminating both the Utility Receipts Tax (URT) AND the 30 percent tax floor on Business Personal Property for all new equipment.

I am confident this plan can be responsibly achieved while balancing our ongoing priorities and maintaining prudent levels of fiscal reserves.

The sooner we execute on this plan the sooner we can:

■ Make Indiana tied among states with the lowest individual income tax rate of the states that impose the tax.

■ Assist businesses in two of their biggest area of concerns – energy costs and the cost of new capital investment over time.

■ Significantly improve the state's pension fund ranking.

■ Maintain Indiana's low debt burden status.

The Indy 500, held every year on Memorial Day, always reminds me about teamwork, speed and competition. With those three factors in mind, I suggest Team Indiana move ahead to reinvest in ourselves and our state's future growth.

Eric J. Holcomb is the 51st governor of the state of Indiana.

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 5, the 64th day of 2022. There are 301 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

On this date:

In 1849, Zachary Taylor was inaugurated as the 12th president of the United States.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate, with Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase presiding. Johnson, the first U.S. president to be impeached,

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

Lifestyles

More fish in a fish cake

In my eternal search for the perfect fish cake, I find the best way to get the results I crave is to create my own recipe that has all the right elements (in my opinion). My ideal

Lynda Balslev



cake is packed with fish, has little filler and is not mushy. It should be crispy yet succulent, salty with a hint of sweetness, and burst with fresh herbs and tiny bits of chile. A cooling, citrusy yogurt sauce spiked with Sriracha is the finishing touch, for deliciously addictive results.

This fish cake checks all the boxes. Actually, the term “fish cake” really doesn’t do it justice. While “fish” is correct, “cake” infers flour, fat and eggs with a bread-like crumb. My ideal fish cake has none of that. It’s packed with salmon and shrimp. Fresh salmon’s thick flesh yields a buttery-rich and sturdy fish cake, which is balanced by sweet morsels of tender bay shrimp. An extra helping of hot smoked salmon adds a salty, smoky edge, rounding out the flavors.

The binder is kept to a minimum: a dollop of Greek yogurt and a sprinkle of panko breadcrumbs, just enough to hold the fish together with a jumble of fresh herbs, lemon and chiles. The result is fresh, meaty, vibrant and flavorful, and proves that you that can, indeed, take the cake out of a fish cake.

Salmon and Shrimp Fish Cakes With Lemon-Chile Sauce
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 45 minutes, plus chilling time
Yield: Makes about 16 (2-inch) cakes

Fish cakes:
1 pound salmon fillet, skin and pin bones removed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
6 ounces cold smoked salmon fillet, skin and pin bones removed, coarsely chopped
6 ounces bay shrimp, coarsely chopped
1 small red jalapeno or Fresno chile, stemmed and seeded, minced
1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs, plus 1 1/2 cups for rolling
2 tablespoons coarsely grated yellow onion, with juices
2 tablespoons finely

chopped Italian parsley
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
2 tablespoons whole-milk Greek yogurt
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce, such as Sriracha or Tabasco
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Sauce:
1 cup whole-milk Greek yogurt
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons Sriracha, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
Pinch of freshly ground black pepper
Grapeseed oil for pan-frying
Lemon wedges and parsley or dill sprigs for serving
Combine the salmon, smoked salmon and bay shrimp in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse 3 to 4 times to finely chop without overprocessing. The consistency should be slightly chunky and not mushy. Transfer the fish to a large bowl. Add the chiles, 1/4 cup breadcrumbs, the onion, parsley, dill, yogurt, lemon juice, hot sauce, salt and pepper and stir to combine without overmixing.
Pour the remaining 1 1/2 cup bread-crumbs

into a shallow bowl. Using a soup spoon, scoop out a generous amount of the salmon mixture. With a light hand (it helps if they are moist), carefully form the mixture into a plump 2-inch patty. Gently roll the patty in the breadcrumbs to evenly coat and place on platter, gently pressing to slightly flatten to about 3/4-inch thick. Repeat with the remaining fish, rinsing your hands between batches and adding more breadcrumbs to the bowl as needed. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate the fish cakes for at least 1 hour or up to 3 hours.

Whisk sauce ingredients in a small bowl and refrigerate until use.
Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. In batches, carefully add the fish cakes to the pan without overcrowding. Fry the cakes until golden brown and cooked through, turning once with a spatula, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer the cakes to a plate lined with a paper towel and keep warm. Repeat with the remaining fish cakes. Transfer the cakes to a warm serving platter and garnish with parsley or dill. Serve with the yogurt sauce.



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

PETS Q&A

How to deal with squirrel problem?

By JOAN MORRIS
The Mercury News (TNS)

DEAR JOAN: I’m having major squirrel problems! I bought what I thought was a squirrel-proof feeder. Should I buy the Coles’ brand bird food that is hot or what should I do?

Deborah, Birmingham, Alabama

DEAR DEBORAH: Squirrels and rodents are said to have a strong dislike for capsaicin, which is the stuff in peppers that make it hot. Birds, on the other hand, aren’t bothered by it, so the spiced bird seed should help deter the squirrels.

You might also set out a second, squirrel-friendly feeder that offers them their favorites, which may make them less likely to go after the bird feeder.

DEAR JOAN: My husband’s friend told him that feeding the wild finches and other small wild birds on our back porch will attract rats to our house. Should I stop?

Barbara Largent, Burlington, Washington

DEAR BARBARA: Rats visit our yards and homes with or without invitation. The rats might eat the bird seed, but getting rid of your feeders won’t get rid of the rats. They are just a fact of life. Make sure entrances into your home are sealed off to keep them out, keep the areas clean around and under the feeders, and enjoy watching the birds without guilt.

DEAR JOAN: We have many feeders in our yard, and love to watch the smaller birds return in spring. However, we have a terrible problem with crows that seem to instinctively know when to attack the food.

I use safflower for the mourning doves and that helps, but the crows are very persistent. Is there a way we can deter them? We’ve tried reflective pie plates, but that only works for a day or two.

Larry Smith, Campbellford, Ontario, Canada



Dreamstime / TNS

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DEAR LARRY: Buy yourself a fake dead crow and, under cover of darkness, hang it in your yard where the crows are sure to see it first thing in the morning. They’ll likely gather around their fallen comrade, have a wake and then fly off, never to return (or at least not

for a long time).

I was skeptical this would work, but many of my readers have tried it with great success. The most important thing is to avoid being spotted in the act, or the crows will mark you as a crow-killer and mob you wherever you go.

Despite privacy concerns, ID.me nearly doubled the number of people able to create an IRS account

If information is power, then many taxpayers are powerless.

Millions of people have filed federal returns that are stuck in a massive backlog, which is holding up refunds and resulted in the automatic mailing of collection notices that may or may not be warranted. They check “Where’s My Re-

fund?” and “Where’s My Amended Refund?” only to find bureaucratically written language that tells them nothing.

The agency’s online account system, as I reported last year, is a hot mess. Fewer than half of the individuals who tried to establish an online account with the Internal Revenue Service succeeded, according to Erin M. Collins, the National Taxpayer Advocate.

To help improve that access record and improve the security in setting up an account, the agency brought in the private company ID.me to register people. The launch was immediately criticized because it required taxpayers to scan their faces to create an ID.me IRS account.

The IRS backed off that facial recognition requirement, while still moving ahead with the ID.me authentication platform. The turnabout is causing some confusion. So, here’s what you need to know if you have a legacy IRS account or need to create a new one with ID.me.

Do I have to set up an online account to file my federal tax return?

It’s important to note that it is not necessary to set up an IRS account under the old or new authentication system to file your federal return. What setting up an account will do is give you access to your payment history or data from your most recently filed tax return, including your adjusted gross income. You can view information about stimulus payments received or advance child tax credit payments.

What do I have to do to prove my identity with ID.me?

There are two ways to prove your identity. You can use a self-service automated system using facial recognition. You will need an email address, Social Security number and a photo ID such as a driver’s license, passport or state ID. You also need a mobile phone with a camera or a computer with a webcam to take a selfie.

You also have the option of verifying your identity during a live, virtual interview with an agent, the IRS says. This option does not include having to submit a selfie or biometric data. But you will still need to provide an email, and identifying documents. When creating an account, you select the option for a “Video Chat Agent.”

Although the IRS is allowing people to opt-out of facial recognition, new account users will need to use ID.me.

However, despite directions on the IRS account page, which is in the process of being updated, if you are using the legacy Secure Access system, hang tight; you don’t have to switch to ID.me.

“If you already have an IRS account, your log-in credential will work at least through the summer,” according to Treasury spokeswoman Alexandra LaManna.

In the intervening time, the IRS is working to set up an

alternative authentication approach that’s not going to require people to use ID.me. “The IRS is actively pursuing other authentication options,” LaManna said.

Can I still use facial recognition for verification?

You have the option to verify your identity automatically through the use of biometric verification through ID.me’s self-assistance tool, which may be faster than waiting for an agent interview.

“For taxpayers who select this option, new requirements are in place to ensure images provided by taxpayers are deleted for the account being created,” the IRS said.

What will happen to the facial recognition data I already submitted?

The IRS says that, by March 11, ID.me will automatically delete any existing facial recognition data from taxpayers who previously created an IRS online account. Additionally, by the March date, facial recognition data will be automatically deleted within 24 hours for people who create a new account and opt to use facial recognition to verify their identity.

How long is it taking for people to get a virtual interview?

When the system was first launched, one reader said he got a message that the wait time to be seen virtually by an agent was about four hours. However, the IRS says recent wait times, depending on the time of day and volume, have been reduced to about 30 minutes on average.

The process without using an agent is taking about five to 10 minutes, an IRS official said.

Is the new verification system better?

People are having a substantially higher success rate in setting up an IRS account, something that got lost in the furor about the facial recognition debacle.

The authentication rate for IRS online applications was 42 percent in fiscal 2020, according to Collins.

The security measures for the legacy system can be difficult to get past for a lot of taxpayers. The vast majority of people who try to create an account fail because they cannot pass the authentication requirements, such as having a mobile account or credit in their name. Even when they do have the required methods to prove their identity, they still can’t get through the security checkpoints.

Only 7 percent of taxpayers are using an IRS online account, Collins said in her 2021 report to Congress.

But “well north of 70 percent” of users succeeded in setting up an account using ID.me, Collins said in an interview. “It was a very onerous and difficult process,” she said.

Even Collins couldn’t set up an account under the old system. But using her smartphone, she was able to set up an account with ID.me in under 10 minutes.

“I do understand the privacy concerns,” Collins said. “My concern is whatever way the IRS goes, whether they use ID.me, another outside vendor or do it internally, I want to make sure that we have the highest accessibility for taxpayers so that getting authenticated is not going to be more challenging going forward. I want the most amount of taxpayers to have access to their records without a challenge.”

After years of hard work, wife finally ready to hit the bricks

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to “Arthur” for 50 years. There have been many problems in our marriage, and we even separated a couple times. I had kids to raise and never enough money to break it off completely. Over the last 13 years, my husband has been so-called “unable to work” and on disability. I have worked to keep us afloat, while he eats and sleeps and has gained 100 pounds.

My mother passed away this year, and I will inherit money after my siblings and I sell her house. Would it be ridiculous for me to move out and get my own apartment? I am very unhappy living with Arthur, and he can make it on his own Social Security, which I helped him to maximize. — Really Needs A Change

DEAR REALLY NEEDS: The question you are asking is a legal one. Laws vary depending upon where you live. Before making any changes, you need to discuss this with an attorney to determine what the financial implications are for you if you should divorce Arthur. Do it NOW, before your mother’s estate is settled.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and her husband have created online family albums. My son-in-law takes most of the pictures. When we visit, he rarely takes any pictures of our side of the family, but he always takes pictures of his own family. My daughter doesn’t seem to care or notice that we are absent from the albums.

I’m afraid that in years to come, our grandchildren will look at those albums and think we weren’t there. The other grandparents once said that the grandkids always talk about us, and I got the impression they felt threatened. I know they shared it with their son. We are hurt. — The Big Picture In The East

DEAR BIG PICTURE: Your fear of being “erased by omission” may be valid. Because you mentioned that your daughter doesn’t notice, talk privately with her and tell her that you and her father are hurt because of the discrepancy. Unless you do, the situation won’t change. While you’re at it, ask if you can upload your own photos to the albums. And continue making non-photo memories with your grandchildren, as you have been doing.

DEAR ABBY: I recently purchased some eyeglasses that my wife totally hates. The frames are round and somewhat retro in style. I have received compliments on them from friends and co-workers. The rub is, my wife has told me she doesn’t want me wearing them, and that by wearing them I’m disrespecting her, disregarding her feelings and, by extension, not caring about her.

I am feeling very controlled not being able to wear the glasses I like. I love her, but I think I’m “old enough” to make my own personal choices. By the way, I never tell her what she may or may not wear, as I feel that is her personal choice as well. Am I wrong to wear them? — Seeing Red In Washington

DEAR SEEING RED: No, you are not “wrong.” Your wife is wrong to equate your choice in eyewear with your regard for her. From where I sit, it looks like an attempt to fight dirty. Don’t fall for it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Entangle-ment

4 Yuppies' auto

7 Prepare an apple

11 Biologist's eggs

12 Stadium noise

13 Mideast title

14 Tapped item

15 Davenport's state

16 Exist

17 Naval officer

19 Adhesive

21 Ernesto Guevara

22 The very essence

23 Stingy

26 Place

28 Spleen

29 Diet spread

31 Closed

35 Army wear

37 Baxter or Bancroft

39 Conquistador's quest

40 Sis and bro

42 — ante

44 CBer's "bears"

DOWN

1 Heard the alarm

2 Not bumpy

3 Luggage

4 Folk hero from Kentucky

5 Gullet

6 "That's a —!"

7 Temperature scale

8 Leaves unmentioned

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ACROSS

9 Girder insert

10 Afore

12 Bloke's "You bet!" (hyph.)

18 Berlin pronoun

20 The — of Aquarius

23 Involuntary movement

24 401(k) cousin

25 Precious stone

26 Micro-scope part

27 Smoke detector output

30 Scientist's workplace

DOWN

32 Sweetie-pie

33 Vase with a foot

34 Stuffed animal

36 Fish hawks

38 Memorable times

41 Doctrine

43 And so on

44 Unwanted work

45 Watering places

46 Wharves

48 Thailand, once

50 Not pretty

51 Stentorian

52 Apparel

53 Engine stat

55 Well-known pharaoh

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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8	1	2	9	7	4	6	3	5
6	9	4	3	5	2	7	8	1
3	5	7	8	1	6	9	4	2

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TMOOT

NPEDU

SIFLOS

MYSLOB

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Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: TWICE ROBIN FUNNEL EMBARK
Answer: When it comes to where and when to create downpours, Mother Nature has — FREE "RAIN"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I need three of you to come up here and solve these.

563 + 386 = 949

986 + 986 = 1972

1266 + 688 = 1954

THE ADDITION PROBLEMS WRITTEN ON THE BOARD NEEDED ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Could I pet your new baby?”

By Bil Keane

BEEBLE BAILEY

KEEP IT DOWN OUT THERE!

THE SUN IS COMING UP WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, BEEBLE

BLONDIE

I JUST HAD A MILLION-DOLLAR IDEA

WONDERFUL!

A MICROWAVE COOKBOOK!

I'M SORRY, DEAR, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM OUT THERE ALREADY

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED THE BOAT ON THAT COOKBOOK IDEA

GET SOME SLEEP, DEAR

HI & LOIS

I THOUGHT SPRING WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

BUT NOW IT'S UNDER A SNOWDRIFT.

MAYBE IT'S AROUND THE NEXT CORNER.

BC

I'M HERE TO DRINK MY TROUBLES AWAY.

YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE. WHAT'LL IT BE?

A WATER.

A WATER?

I HAVE KIDNEY STONES.

WIZARD OF ID

I'VE MADE A FEW ROYAL PROCLAMATIONS

ROLL

I SEE SOMEONE IS BACK FROM VACATION

DILBERT

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE YOUR PERSONAL COMPUTER FOR WORK.

AND YOUR COMPANY LAPTOP WON'T SHOW UP FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.

SO... WHAT SHOULD I DO ALL DAY?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT PANTOMIME IS?

GARFIELD

LET'S SEE, WE HAVE GNU STEW...

CAMEL COMPOTE...

AND GAZELLE GUMBO!

LION CARRY-IN

FORT KNOX

YOUR TEETH ARE BACK TO NORMAL!

I COULDN'T HANDLE FRANK'S COMMENTS ABOUT THEM.

SO YOU REMOVED YOUR VENEERS??

AND PUT THEM IN FRANK'S PESK.

AIIIGGHHH!!

PICKLES

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME HOW I'M DOING.

THEY DON'T REALLY WANT TO KNOW HOW I'M DOING.

SO I'LL SAY SOMETHING LIKE "BIGGER PILE, SMALLER SHOVEL."

THEY GENERALLY LOOK CONFUSED AND NEVER ASK ME AGAIN.

Only one name is eternal and worthy of our praise

Q: Why does the Bible say that God’s name is eternal? — E.V.

A: Only one name is eternal and worthy of our praise and attention: the Name of the Lord God, Jesus Christ. The names of politicians, sports figures, inventors, and others from all walks of life come and go. While their names may continue in history, their impact is not lasting. The Prophet Daniel, who served the king of the dominant power in the world, declared, “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His” (Daniel 2:20). He did not declare the name King Nebuchadnezzar as the almighty one, only God. Isaiah, the prophet, also exalted Him as “the High and Lofty One Who inhab-

its eternity, whose name is Holy” (Isaiah 57:15).

The strength of nations is not found in the names and personalities of men and women, but in God alone who is sovereign. No form of government has been able to establish righteousness, justice, and peace, the three elements without which we can never have continued national prosperity or international peace.

Our government is certainly going to fall like a rope of sand if unsupported by the moral fabric of God’s Word. The moral structure in our

country grew from Judeo-Christian roots. When those values are applied, they produce moral fruits. But if that structure disappears, the moral sentiment that shapes our nation’s goals will disappear with it. Our government needs prayer. Our leaders need prayer. Our schools need prayer. Our families need prayer. We must be people of prayer and express thankfulness for the blood of Christ that purchased men for God from “every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ U V U O I D S T C D U C E C U B J X W Z
F Z C A X C B X W J R U B K F W U H — Z X W Z U V
J C H G B ’ Z K C Z G V V Z X U F A D W B C Z ,
J C ’ O C K G U B K Z G K G T C O F C O R . ”
— P G D C B C T D W D G L R

Previous Solution: “I struggle immensely with celebrities of all kinds. I get clammy hands and turn a little purple.” — Bryce Dallas Howard
TODAY’S CLUE: W s j e n b a i

0900

LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH) SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2202-ES-000022
IN RE THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
LARRY G. WEITZEL, Deceased
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of March, 2022, DIANA LEE WEITZEL, was appointed personal representative of the supervised estate of LARRY G. WEITZEL, deceased, who died on the 14th day of January, 2022.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 1st day of March, 2022.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
LORI DRAPER, Clerk
Wabash Circuit Court
Attorney for the Estate:
R. P. Fisher
FISHER & IRELAND
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LEGALS

WABASH COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 22nd day of MARCH, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana.
The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of KEITH SHEPHERD for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #: 3 TO OPERATE A WRECKER SERVICE AND IMPOUND YARD AT 4145 W OLD 24, WABASH ,IN 46990
The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 27N, RANGE 6E, NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 9.54 ACRES
A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.
Wabash County Plan Commission
Wabash County Courthouse
One West Hill St
Wabash, Indiana 46992
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0900

LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH) SS:
IN THE WABASH CO. CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2202-EU-19
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
TRACY ANN SCHULTZ, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Kristin Gerber and Cindy McCoart was, on February 21st, 2022, appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of Tracy Ann Schultz, deceased, who died on the 6th day of January, 2022.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 21st day of February, 2022.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
CLERK, WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
DOWNS TANDY & PETRUNIW, P.C.
99 West Canal Street
Wabash, Indiana 46992
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0900

LEGALS

WABASH COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 22nd day of MARCH, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana.
The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of DONALD & AMANDA BITTNER for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #: 2 TO CONSTRUCT A POND IN AN AGRICULTURE ZONED DISTRICT WITH VARIANCE FROM: THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR A POND FROM AN ADJOINING PROPERTY LINE
The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 27N, RANGE 7E, LAGRO TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 9.88 ACRES
A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
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LEGALS

Pleasant Township, Wabash County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement – 2021

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2021
Governmental Activities	101	Township	\$170,001.73	\$56,005.69	\$206,386.60	\$19,620.82
	111	Fire Fighting	\$145,977.16	\$162,265.95	\$119,778.60	\$188,464.51
	190	Cumulative Fire	\$47,526.16	\$20,778.93	\$14,987.79	\$53,317.30
	400	Payroll Withholding Fund	\$177.76	\$18,299.26	\$18,477.02	\$0.00
	840	Township Assistance	\$57,940.27	\$11,315.68	\$28,908.01	\$40,347.94
	850	Fire Debt	\$4,167.32	\$29,634.83	\$33,651.16	\$150.99
	861	Rainy Day	\$667.41	\$197,000.00	\$0.00	\$197,667.41
	870	Fire Truck Settlement	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	880	Gift	\$625.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.05
		Total All Funds	\$427,182.86	\$495,300.34	\$422,189.18	\$500,294.02

A statement that a complete abstract that contains the statement of receipts, showing their source; and a statement of expenditures, showing the combined gross payment, according to classification of expense to each person is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Wabash County
I, Rebecca Warmuth, Trustee of PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, Wabash County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
Rebecca Warmuth
PLEASANT TOWNSHIP Trustee
Telephone: 260-982-8745
Date this report was to be published: March 5, 2022

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of PLEASANT TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 22nd day of February, 2022.
David Hawkins, Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 22nd day of February, 2022.
Pleasant Township Board
David Hawkins
Stan Bagley
Bill Parker

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0900

LEGALS

Paw Paw Township, Wabash County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursement	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2021
Governmental Activities	01	Township Fund	\$301,012.48	\$74,772.68	\$29,053.80	\$346,731.36
	11	Fire Fighting Fund	\$157,683.70	\$24,038.80	\$156,629.00	\$25,093.50
	13	Park and Recreation Fund	\$7,590.01	\$5,350.39	\$3,313.00	\$9,627.40
	16	Cumulative Fire (Bldg/Rem/Equip) Fund	\$79,810.19	\$22,175.34	\$72,081.00	\$29,904.53
	45	Cemetery Fund	\$44,486.17	\$10,075.00	\$15,946.30	\$38,614.87
	61	Rainy Day Fund	\$15,205.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,205.57
	81	Township Assistance Fund	\$14,136.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,136.60
	91	Levy Excess Fund	\$0.00	\$307.00	\$0.00	\$307.00
	95	Payroll Deduction Fund	\$502.42	\$812.00	\$86.03	\$1,228.39
		GRAND TOTAL	\$620,427.14	\$137,531.21	\$277,109.13	\$480,849.22

A complete abstract that contains the statement of receipts, showing their source; and a statement of expenditures; showing a combined gross payment, according to classification of expense to each person is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Wabash County
I, Ashley E. Cordes, Trustee of PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, Wabash County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true, and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by the law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in the custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Ashley E. Cordes
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP Trustee
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Wabash boys fall short in OT to Peru

Apaches headed into postseason play 14-8 while winning four of their last five contests

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Hot shooting from deep wasn't enough to give Wabash the edge on Friday, Feb. 25 as the Apaches fell in overtime to no. 7 in Class 3A Peru, 75-72.

The Apaches rallied from 10 down at the half with a 39 point second half to force OT but couldn't overcome the 21 turnovers that had plagued them.

The difference in the two halves proved to be the catalyst for the Apaches, said head coach Paul Wright.

"For us, it was a tale of two halves," Wright said. "The first half, we did not play quite like I thought we could but that's a credit to Peru, they're a good team. Defensively, we wanted to do some things that we just did not get done in the first half."

However, he believed the shift in focus during halftime made their comeback possible.

"Halftime, we went in and made some adjustments defensively and offensively. Then in the second half, the

kids executed it perfectly. ... From our point of view, we just did not execute like we should have in the first half and Peru took advantage of it."

After coming out of halftime down double digits, Wabash connected on 11 three-pointers in the second half and OT combined with Grant Ford hitting on the Apaches' first three field goals in a row from beyond the arc.

Izaak Wright led Wabash with 27 points while Trevor Daughtry aided in the pursuit of their 15th win with 24 points. Grant Ford added 12.

As a team, Wabash shot 55 percent from the field along with 58 percent from three. Wright shot 6-7 from deep along with 4-7 from Ford.

A jumper from Daughtry along with a corner three-pointer from Wright in the final minute of the game pushed the contest into overtime as Peru started the final period of play on a six-point run that the Apaches couldn't overcome.

Wabash went into post-season play 14-8 while winning four of their last five contests.

The Apaches faced off against Adams

Central (14-7) in the Bluffton sectional in a rematch against the Flying Jets after Wabash was successful in their first outing in December with a final of 54-46.

Wright noted that Adams Central is a different team compared to what they were at the beginning of the season.

"We know they're going to be really good," Wright said. "We gotta be ready to play Wednesday or our season is gonna be over. Every year we go into sectional, we just take it one quarter at a time. If we can every quarter, we'll win the game."

After 19 assists against Peru, Wright believes the Apaches' ability to share the basketball could be their most dangerous weapon.

"Our ball movement and our ability to find the open shot this year has been really nice to see as a coach because you can preach sharing the basketball and making that extra pass and these kids have done it all year."

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Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Trevor Daughtry aided in the pursuit of their 15th win with 24 points.

Manchester men, women claim HCAC indoor track and field titles

By DILLON BENDER

On a record-setting day for the Manchester University indoor track and field programs, both the indoor men's and women's teams captured team titles at this year's Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Championships.

The women earned the program's second indoor title and its first since 2016 after earning 176.5 team points. The men edged 11-time defending champion Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology by a final team tally of 158.5 to 154.

Junior Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, was named the HCAC Men's Distance Athlete of the Year. Salazar won four individual titles to help lead a total team effort by the Black and Gold.

Senior Erica Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, was tabbed as the HCAC Women's Throws Athlete of the Year while fifth-year senior Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, was selected as the HCAC Women's Distance Athlete of the Year.

Head coach Brian Cashdollar was named the HCAC Coach of the Year for both genders after Saturday's stellar performances.

HCAC Titles

Men

Enrique Salazar led a 1-2-3 Manchester finish in the 5000m at this year's conference championships.

Salazar paced the field with a leading time of 15:41.28. Salazar also took home top honors in the mile after clocking a leading time of 4:25.43. Salazar added a third individual title in the 800m after leading Saturday's field with a time of 1:58.57. Salazar would round out his historic performance with an HCAC title in the 3000m.

Women

Elizabeth Lohman won an HCAC title in the mile run. Lohman led this year's field with a final time of 5:43.36.

Erica Mohr earned an HCAC title in the weight throw after leading this year's championship field with a final mark of 15.09m (49 6 1/4"). Mohr led a 1-2-3 sweep in the event for the Black and Gold.



Provided photos

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Other Podium Placements (Top 3)

Men

Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, and Connor Havens, from LaPorte, followed Salazar in both the 5000m and 3000m on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 19. Richardson placed second after crossing the finish line at 15:42.40. Havens added a third-place finish following a time of 15:44.35. Havens took home second place in the 3000m while Richardson placed third.

The 4-x-200 meter relay team of Duriel Moss Jr., Tristen Bronaugh, Gabe Melvin, and Quentin Willis placed second after sprinting to a

collective time of 1:32.58. Their time bumped them up to third on the all-time Top 10 listings.

Gabe Melvin, from Jacksonville, Florida, and Atlantic Coast High School, set a new Manchester record in the 60m dash after clocking in at 7.01 seconds in the finals at this year's championships. His time earned him a runner-up podium finish in the event.

Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, placed second in the shot put with a final mark of 13.99m (45' 10 3/4").

Timothy Macomber, from Angola, placed right behind Villafuerte in the shot put, claiming third place with a final mark of 13.86m (45' 5 3/4").

Tristen Bronaugh, from Crawfordsville, sprinted to a third-place finish in the 400m on Saturday. His time of 51.82 was a new career-best and still ranks him fourth all-time at Manchester.

Women

Madison Haines, from Warsaw and Warsaw Community High School, and Dakota Goetz, from Lowell, placed right behind Mohr in the weight throw. Haines posted a final mark of 13.91m (45' 7 3/4") while Goetz measured in at 13.87m (45' 6 1/4"). Both marks cracked the Manchester All-Time Top 10 (eighth and 10th).

Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School,

ran to a runner-up placement in the 5000m on Saturday after posting a final time of 19:15.94. Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, placed right behind Lohman in third following a time of 19:17.64. Later in the day, Lohman would add a third-place finish in the 800m following a time of 2:30.13. The fifth year rounded out her day with a runner-up finish in the 3000m following a time of 11:11.74.

Kendal Garringer, from Portland and Jay County High School, took home a runner-up placement in the high jump after clearing a height of 1.47m (4' 9 3/4").

Claire Butler, from South Bend and Adams High School, landed on the podium in the pole vault after placing third. Butler cleared a new personal-best 2.72m (8' 11"). Her mark still ranks her eighth all-time at Manchester.

Carley Camp, from Logansport, placed third in the shot put at this year's championships. Her top mark of 11.70m (38' 4 3/4") was a new season-best and bumps her up to eighth on the all-time MU Top 10 listings.

In the long jump, Adelle Stanko, from Okemos, Michigan, landed second on the podium after a final distance of 5.01m (16' 5 1/4"). Her distance in the event moved her up to sixth on the all-time list. Stanko placed third in the triple jump after landing a final mark of 10.44m (34' 3"). Her distance was a new career-best and still ranks her fourth all-time at Manchester. Stanko would also place third in the 200m dash following a time of 27.33 seconds. Her time was a new career-best and moved her up to second all-time on the Manchester Top 10 lists.

The 4-x-200 meter relay team of Adelle Stanko, Brooke Bouwens, Hilary Ernstes and Brandi Smith landed third on the podium following a time of 1:51.60. Their time ranks third all-time in school history.

Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, placed third at this year's indoor championships in the mile run following a time of 5:44.33.

In the 400m, Brooke Bouwens, from Clarksville, Michigan, and Lakewood High School, sprinted to a third-place finish after she crossed the finish line at 1:03.69.

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Manchester edged by Butler baseball 5-2

Manchester will gear up for a four-game series this weekend against Kalamazoo College

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team got to enjoy a unique experience on Wednesday afternoon. The Spartans battled NCAA Division I Butler University at Bulldog Park in the team's first non-conference contest against a Division I opponent since 2019.

Manchester and Butler remained tied through four and a half innings of action before the

Bulldogs pulled away for a 5-2 victory. A 2-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning provided Butler with some insurance runs to hang on for the narrow victory on Wednesday afternoon.

First-year Gavin Gleason, from Brookston, and Delphi Community High School, got the Spartans on the board in the top of the second inning following a sacrifice fly to right field that scored fellow first-year Rocco Hanes, from Ossian and Norwell High School.

Austin Snider, Griffin Garwood, Ryan Mueller and Paul Barrow each recorded a hit against the Bulldogs.

The Manchester pitching staff did a solid job of limiting the But-

ler offense to five runs on 11 hits. Austin Kresl, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, and Jared Holley, from Wabash, both struck out a pair on Wednesday.

Manchester will gear up for a four-game series this weekend against Kalamazoo College.

The Spartans will face the Hornets in a pair of doubleheaders Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6 at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

The first pitch on both days will be scheduled for noon.

Manchester University Athletics will be on site this weekend and will provide live stat coverage of all four games.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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MANCHESTER VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS WHITKO 60 TO 40 ON SATURDAY, FEB. 22



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer
Squire senior Cade Jones fights off the Wildcat's Mason Streby en route to another score during varsity action on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 22 at MHS. Manchester controlled Whitko, winning 60-40.

MANCHESTER JV BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS WHITKO 60 TO 39 ON SATURDAY, FEB. 22



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer
Navigating through a tall defense, Manchester freshman Wyatt Prater soars to the basket for two, in junior varsity action on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 22.

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Her time improved upon a previous career-best and bumped her up to seventh on the MU All-Time Top 10 listings.

The 4-x-400 meter relay team of Brooke Bouwens, Jalea Faulkner, Adelle Stanko and Brandi Smith capped an exciting day with a third-place finish after combining for a time of 4:21.68. Their time ranks sixth-best all-time at Manchester.

Other New Top 10 Marks

Men

Quentin Willis, from Athens, Georgia, and Ogletho-

rpe High School, once again broke his record in the 60m hurdles – doing so for the third time this season – after clocking a time of 8.64 seconds in the prelims. Willis would run an 8.75 in the finals for a fourth-place finish.

Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Illinois, and Zion Benton High School, surpassed his previous career-best in the triple jump on Saturday with a top leap of 12.45m (40' 10 1/4"). His mark still ranks him seventh all-time in the Manchester record books.

The men's distance medley relay team (DMR) of Connor Havens, Ben Miles, Brayden Stamm and Thomas Richardson combined for a time of 11:18.36. Their

time broke them into the 10th-spot on the Manchester All-Time Top 10 listings.

Duriel Moss Jr., from Homestead, Florida, and Christopher Columbus High School, improved his time in the 60m dash to 7.12 seconds – still good for fourth all-time at Manchester. Moss would also crack the Top 10 in the 400m following a time of 52.76 – marking him eighth all-time at MU.

In the weight throw, Timothy Macomber broke into the Manchester Top 10 after a final hurl of 14.67m (48' 1 3/4"). His mark stands 10th all-time in program history.

Women

Jalea Faulkner broke into the Manchester Top 10 list-

ings after a fourth-place finish in the triple jump. Her mark of 9.61m (31' 6 1/2") places her 10th all-time at MU.

Adelle Stanko moved up to fourth all-time in the 60m dash after setting a new career mark of 8.29 seconds at this year's championships.

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BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

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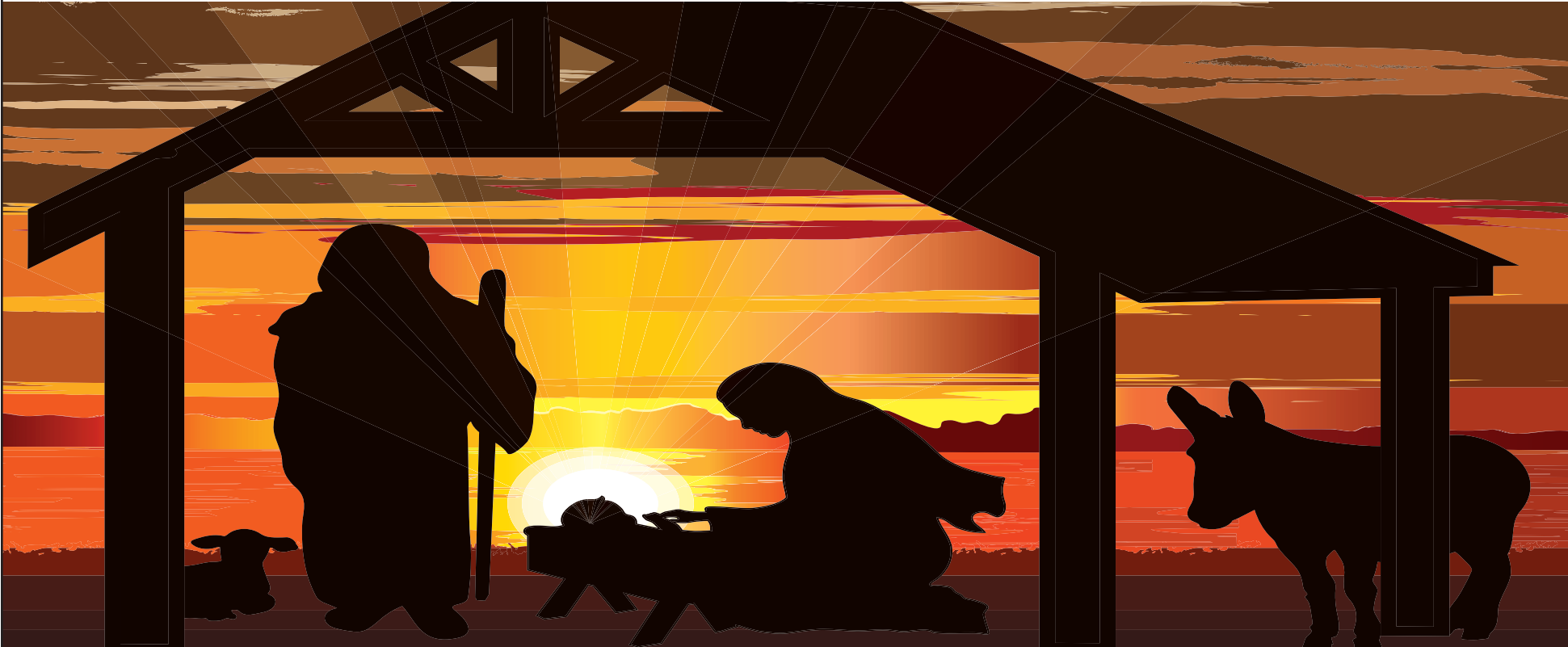
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